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Familiarly known as "Billy" to his host of friends—instructor, captain of cadet corps and football coach of the A. P. I. in times past. He attended Harvard University Law School, practiced law in Montgomery and New York, and in 1917 was made Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. On April 1st, President Wilson appointed him as U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Hear GENERAL BULLARD, Alumni Day, May 31st

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

No Alumni Association will prosper long that is not of "Service" fulfilling its manifest purpose and destiny in active "service" to its College. It is all very well to meet once a year in friendly reunion,—to have annual banquets with eloquent addresses,—to revive old memories of pleasant past events and to dwell with satisfaction upon the "high ideals" and "splendid traditions" of our alma mater.

But this is not sufficient. All these are merely incidents in the real destiny and future progress of a virile, red-blooded Alumni organization intent upon accomplishing something really constructive and permanent for the benefit of the institution giving its members the foundation for their success. We must not putter too much about the past—only as an inspiration for the future; we must not be content to dwell in a morgue of memories when open doors of achievement are beckoning for attention.

And so in line with this idea we are going to publish each month under a column to be designated "What other alumni are doing for their College," some of the activities going on among our sister institutions as a challenge to the enterprise, the initiative, the sympathetic interest of the men of Auburn. We will furnish this data first simply as information, but will welcome and encourage correspondence and comment upon the various plans submitted by all members of the alumni wherever they are. None of you are further away that a two cent stamp, and we want you to feel and show it!

Professors' salaries at Auburn range from about \$2000 up, but for the most part are less than \$2500.

The salary limit of \$2000 has prevailed with few exceptions from the early nineties to 1919-1920. It is a commonplace matter to compare this amount with that made by a good Auburn carpenter, who gets eight dollars and up a day or \$2400 a year; and then to call attention to the fact that it takes from five to ten times as long—or even more—for the professor to get ready for the work he has to do.

Besides, there is considerable difference between the standard of life required of college professors and that desired by the ordinary colored carpenter.

A point sometimes overlooked is that a poorly paid officer cannot do the best work. Another is that, in case the institution cannot pay sufficient salaries, some men are forced to give time and thought to additional work that will increase their incomes. A canvass of the faculty here will show, we believe, that many members are giving to the earning of necessary supplements to salaries, spare time, which might and would ordinarily be given to study related to their work in college.

During the past ten years Auburn has lost many good men to institutions that could pay them more. The institution that cannot meet the competitive salaries of similar institutions will ultimately decrease in efficiency. We understand that the prospect for additional funds, which the Board of Trustees can put into salaries, is not brilliant. The Alumnus has no solution for the problem. Without doubt a good deal of planning should be done by alumni organizations which are greatly interested in helping to maintain Auburn standards. If necessary, the extra session of the state legislature, if called, should be petitioned to meet this most vital need of Auburn.

Have You Subscribed to the Auburn Alumnus?

While there has been a most gratifying response in subscriptions to the Auburn Alumnus, many of the alumni to whom the publication was mailed have not as yet been heard from. We are puzzled to know whether this is indifference or simply neglect. To tell the truth we cannot understand how a graduate of Auburn can deliberately declass himself of all college associations. We cannot believe anyone of them really wants to cut off the channel of supply for news of the life, growth, plans and ambitions of the Alma Mater, to whom he owes so much.

We shall make no appeal to his sense of loyalty; we shall ask for no subscription as a matter of college spirit or charity. This publication inherently is going to be worth one hundred cents on the dollar to every subscriber. It will contain

facts, information and suggestions whereby close touch may be kept with college life and the forces which at present direct it. It will be a source from which the responsive, appreciative alumnus may draw inspiration for practical service to a most worthy institution and translate his sentiment into deeds. We desperately need the sympathy, cooperation and subscription of every man who has ever attended Auburn,—for publication may not be successfully continued without it. But just as truly do we affirm that every alumnus of the college needs us. He needs the help of a regular influence to keep alive and stimulate the higher ideals of life, the ambition for further study and achievement, and the desire to do some real honest to goodness service for others. So unless you feel that you are actually getting your money's worth, we don't want the subscription.

Activities of Alumni Organizations

APRIL MEETING OF MONTGOMERY ALUMNI

The Editor had the pleasure of attending the monthly meeting and banquet of the Auburn Alumni Association of Montgomery on April 15. The main object of the meeting was to felicitate the friends of "Billy" Williams upon his recent appointment as U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Hon. Ray Rushton spoke enthusiastically of Billy's legal career in Montgomery and elsewhere and voiced the common sentiment of his friends that his promotion was highly deserved.

Among other things, future plans of the Montgomery Association were discussed. One of these plans is to see that every Auburn man in Montgomery attends the Commencement exercises of the college and to encourage every similar group of Alumni in the state to do the same. The next meeting of the local group will take up questions which seem vital to the welfare of the college and of the Alumni Association. Some very definite plans will be presented to the general association at Commencement time.

One important plan which these men will present is that of better organization of Auburn men in the State and the Nation. One feature of such a plan seemed to be the establishment of a salaried Secretary whose business it will be to unify the efforts of the scattered groups of Auburn graduates and former students. Another plan seemed to be that of bringing about in the state a better understanding of the needs and work

of our alma mater. Both of these questions are vital; it is the aim of the Montgomery organization to call to its assistance every Auburn man in the state. It is eager to be "the hub of the wheel" of alumni organizations.

The following men were present and took part in the discussion: Dr. Gaston Griel, '97, W. H. Bruce, '98, Jno. M. Ward, '17, Prof. J. F. Duggar, J. F. Duggar, Jr., '12, L. G. Duggar, '18, H. S. Persons, '88, W. B. Paterson, '02, W. F. Little, '13, Lamar Howe, '16, J. H. Paterson, '05, G. N. Mitcham, '97, R. B. Janney, '10, Geo. Wheeler, '99, B. S. Fitzpatrick, ex-'16, Joseph Calloway, '81, Lee Calloway, '90, T. C. Locke, '10, F. M. Moseley, '92, W. B. Smith, T. M. Francis, '11, L. M. Dinsmore, '10, H. G. Culverhouse, '09, Millard Westcott, '09, M. F. Kahn, '00, F. Loyd Tate, '97.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PITTSBURG AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Word comes to us from S. S. Hertz, 1911 who is President of the Pittsburg Auburn Alumni Association, that their annual meeting and banquet will be held on the last Saturday night in April. He estimates that there is a membership of about 25 in that city. President Tom Bragg has written a letter of congratulations and good wishes to be read upon that occasion and some vivid newspaper accounts of recent ball games with University of Michigan and Georgia Tech have been forwarded as late campus news. We shall expect a story of the meeting for our May issue.

Program for Commencement

The college authorities have announced the program of the 48th annual commencement exercises, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, May 30-June 1.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. William Lowndes Pickard, A. M., D. D., LL. D., pastor of the Central Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. Pickard is a distinguished minister of the Baptist church, having been pastor of churches at Birmingham, Ala., Louisville, Ky., Cleveland, Ohio; Lynchburg, Va., and Savannah, Ga. In 1914, he was elected president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., which office he held for several years.

The Alumni address on Alumni Day will be delivered by Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard, commander of the eastern department U. S. A., Governor's Island, N. Y. General Bullard is a native Alabamian and entered West Point Military Academy July 1, 1881, after completing a course of study at Auburn. During the Spanish-American war General Bullard was commissioned colonel of the third Alabama infantry, being honorably discharged on May 6, 1901. When the United States entered the world war this distinguished Alabamian was among the first high officers to join the A. E. F., and no American officer ren-

dered more conspicuous service than did General Bullard.

Edwin Mims, A. M. Ph. D., LL. D., professor of language and literature, Vanderbilt University, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Tuesday morning. Dr. Mims is one of the most distinguished scholars in the educational world. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt, 1892; and was awarded his A. M., degree by the same institution, 1893; Ph. D., Cornell University, 1900. Besides his educational services at Vanderbilt he has been professor of English at Trinity College and the University of North Carolina.

The detailed program for commencement week follows:

Sunday, May 30: Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. William Lowndes Pickard, A. M., D. D., LL. D.; Central Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Monday, May 31: Alumni Address, Lieutenant General Robert Lee Bullard, U. S. A.; Commander eastern department U. S. A., Governor's Island, N. Y.

Alumni luncheon: Annual meeting of the board of trustees.

Tuesday, June 1: Baccalaureate Address, Edwin Mims, M. A., Ph. D.; Professor of English language and literature; Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Award of degrees.

Student Body Activities

SENIOR CLASS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INSPECT STATE INDUSTRIES

The members of the 1920 class in electrical engineering have returned from an instructive tour of inspection of the industrial plants over the state. This trip is of value in supplementing the work in classes with the details of the actual operations.

They all were high in their praise of the reception accorded them by the managers and executives of the plants visited, which had much to do with making their trip the success it was.

The first stop on the trip was made in Montgomery, where they visited the city water works station, the Montgomery Light & Power Company plant, the Montgomery Traction Co.'s plant, and telephone exchange.

The next place visited was Lock 12 hydro plant of the Alabama Power Company. They were met at Clanton by

L. P. Sweat, C. B. McManus and Mr. Benzinger, where they were guests of the company at dinner, after which they were driven over to the dam. Here every part of the mammoth plant was inspected in detail.

The party was accompanied to Birmingham by Messrs. Sweat and McManus, and from there they were carried down to the steam plant on the Warrior river by the company. One of the things which most interested them at this place was the construction of the plant so that the coal was brought directly from the mine, weighed and burned under the boilers without being touched by human hands. The immense steam turbo generators were the largest units seen on the trip.

In addition to the Alabama Power properties the plants of the T. C. I. and R. R. Co. at Ensley and Fairfield were inspected. Guides carried the students through all the departments of the steel mills and at the Fairfield works the elec-

trically equipped rolling mills were gone over.

The party was in charge of Professor W. W. Hill of the electrical engineering staff. The Alabama Power Co. has placed the college itself, as well as the individual students, under great obligations in providing this delightful trip for first hand information.

The members of the class making the trip were: E. P. Culpepper, O. G. Crowe,

A. M. Dowling, S. H. Dent, R. B. Deason, H. S. Genious, C. M. Gray, A. H. Griggs, W. C. Hearn, H. M. Howarth, G. B. Komp, M. W. Kyser, A. S. Martin, J. M. Oliver, R. C. Rogers, A. K. Wood, G. R. Wood, C. S. Young, V. C. McIlvain, D. Crain, B. B. Fuqua, E. M. Harvey, M. O. Howle, J. L. Jimmerson, J. F. Maury, F. S. Morgan, O. A. Nelson, E. H. Simms, L. C. Watson, L. R. Wright and G. C. Carlovitz.

Report of 1919 Athletic Events

By M. J. DONAHUE

INITIAL TRIP OF AUBURN BASEBALL TEAM

After examinations were over the team went to Opelika and took the Seminole for Birmingham where they met Howard College in a two game series. The first game was played on a very muddy field with Johnston pitching for Auburn. As afterwards developed the pitching distance was too far which probably had something to do with Johnston's wildness the first inning. He walked two batters and hit one, an unusual performance for him. These coupled with an error gave Howard three runs and enabled them to pull out with a tie game.

Auburn hit hard enough to win but slow base-running on the muddy field kept the team from scoring enough to do more than even. As the game started late it was called in the ninth inning. Auburn had no trouble in winning the second and last game of the series.

On the next week-end Auburn started on another invasion of foreign territory playing six games in all against Oglethorpe, Furman and Clemson. The games against the strong Oglethorpe team were played at Fort McPherson and were thoroughly enjoyed by the number of convalescent soldiers there. The first game was featured by a number of long drives in which Auburn excelled, Fulghum, Shirling, Barnes and Lassiter doing most of the work. Ollinger pitched a steady game for Auburn and showed that he is fast developing into a first class pitcher. With Turk and Johnston as the opposing pitchers runs were not so numerous. Turk was rather successful in striking out Auburn batsmen but he was also hit rather hard especially by Barnes and Lassiter. Oglethorpe managed to score a run on a wide throw but outside of that Johnston had them completely at his mercy.

The team rode all night and early the next morning arrived at Greenville, S. C. where a double header

was played the same afternoon with Furman College. The day was cold and very poor for baseball. In the first game Auburn showed the poorest batting of the year and in spite of Herb Bonner's first class pitching lost a very close game. The only run of the game was scored in the ninth when Shirling dropped a strike on an attempted squeeze play. Roused up by this defeat the team started batting in the second game and scored a run in the first and another in the third inning. As Furman could do very little with Ollinger's pitching and as his support was steady there was only one inning, the fifth, in which the opposition had a chance to score but this was weathered safely.

The next trip was a short one, and as there are no diversions at Clemson, the team had plenty of time to rest. For a time because of the extremely cold weather it looked as if the first game would have to be called off. With players and spectators dancing around to keep warm it was finally decided to play however. Johnston well bundled up pitched for Auburn and found no difficulty in disposing of the Clemson batters. Mixing hits with Clemson errors Auburn had no trouble in scoring ten runs in a seven inning game. The weather was somewhat better the next day but the game was not. Clemson seemed entirely outclassed and Auburn scored almost at will.

Fulghum was out of this game with a bad ankle but he was not needed as Capt. Sammy Barnes and Lassiter hit the ball all over the field getting almost every kind of a hit in the Rule Book. The score was something like sixteen to two and wound up a very successful trip.

In all eight S. I. A. A. games have been played on the road and of these six have been won, one tied and one lost. The late victory over the strong Michigan team, which did not lose a game in the West last season showed that the team is really strong and if it can improve in certain departments will be

stronger still. Barnes, Fulghum and Lassiter look good enough for any college infield and Auburn is blessed with three good pitchers in Johnston, Ollinger and Bonner. Shirling did some brilliant work behind the bat in the Michigan games and Young Creel is also a steady

catcher and a good batter. The football Creel is also showing a first class article of base ball. With an even break in luck the baseball team has a splendid chance to come up to records made by the football and basketball teams this year.

What Other Alumni Are Doing for Their College

Vanderbilt Alumni Association has unquestionably done some of the most constructive work for the University of any southern institution. It is one the largest institutions in the South, about 45 years old, with a student body of over a thousand and about eight thousand alumni. For a number of years there had been an alumni organization in which two to three hundred alumni long took a great interest. One of the professors served as secretary, compiling the records and keeping such track as possible of the ever-changing alumni addresses. Maintained by University funds, the Vanderbilt Quarterly was issued from this office. There were no salaries paid and no one gave his entire time to the work.

Some of the more active alumni, encouraged by the Chancellor and the Board of Trust, began to form plans for a greater alumni association. The University assisted to the extent of employing the Alumni Secretary, on condition the Alumni Association guaranteed an annual expense of \$2,500 for three years for the office expenses. Twenty-five individual alumni did this. Immediately things began to happen. An alumni directory was compiled; biographical sketches and photographs were requested; a publicity bureau was established; feeding schools of the University were cultivated; more students were enrolled; and an employment bureau organized.

The Ten Dollar Club

The finest thing resulting, however, was the action of the senior class in inaugurating a movement by which every member pledged to give the Alumni As-

sociation \$100 payable \$10 a year for a period of ten years. As there were 150 men in the class this amounted to a gift of \$15,000. At the same time it served as a challenge to the other alumni and to all future graduating classes. It has been called the Ten Dollar Club and its goal limit is 1000 members. This will establish things on a sound basis as it practically amounts to an annual income of \$15,000 for the Alumni Association.

One Percent Club

The New York branch of the University of Michigan Alumni Association has organized what is designated as the "One Percent Club." Every member has agreed to leave one per cent of his estate at his death to the University. In the South this may not amount to so much in securing funds, but it should prove a very valuable source of income in the wealthier communities of the North and East. However even in the South, such a plan would frequently bring the College to public attention as a desirable object for bequests, and gifts of this character would be largely stimulated.

Some years ago the student body of the Southwestern University of Texas of their own volition established a "Campus and Grounds fund," to be used for the purpose of maintaining and beautifying the grounds about their new buildings. To this fund there was subscribed in three days more than \$11,000, and all that was done was simply to direct the enthusiasm of the student body into the proper channel.

In and Around Auburn

EARLY HISTORY OF AUBURN

A valuable contribution to the historical literature of Alabama has just been made by Mrs. W. B. Frazer in the publication of a brochure entitled "Early History of Auburn." Mrs. Frazer goes back to the year 1836 when a small colony of

people left Harris County, Ga., in quest of new and better surroundings. John J. Harper and his son Tom were among them and founded Auburn, securing the land from the Creek Indians. Mrs. Frazer in a delightful, informal way gives interesting facts and anecdotes of people who have lived in Auburn from the be-

ginning up to the present time, as well as depicting the early growth and development of the college itself. The little pamphlet contains a world of information of interest to anyone who has ever lived or visited in Auburn. The first edition has sold so rapidly that it is probable a second edition will be necessary.

WILL AUBURN BE DESIGNATED AS "DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL?"

There are some 275 colleges in the United States granting academic degrees that have units of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Of this number 29 have been recommended by Department commanders over the country for inspection by the general staff with a view of selecting 15 for designation as "distinguished schools". This appellation refers particularly to proficiency in military work, facilities and cooperation in instruction, etc. These 15 colleges will be widely advertised over the country in regular army bulletins of the military department and undoubtedly will receive benefit. Auburn,—along with Cornell, University of California, Texas A. & M., University of Florida and others,—has been selected for this inspection. Notice has been received that a Board of Inspection will visit Auburn, consisting of Col. E. T. Merry of the Infantry, Major E. T. Smith of the Field Artillery and Capt. Bull of the Cavalry.

Capt. Isaac Spalding, Commandant of the A. P. I. is hopeful that Auburn will be one of the fifteen selected by the Board for designation as "Distinguished School."

DR. RICHARD BURTON AT AUBURN

Dr. Richard Burton, Head of the Department of English at the University of Minnesota, paid his second annual visit to Auburn on Monday, April 12. Dr. Burton is the author of one or two volumes of poetry and many volumes of critical and appreciative essays on English and other literatures. His most recent book is a sketch of Dickens entitled, "Dickens and How to Know Him." For a number of years he has been identified with the Drama League and with the new Theater Movement. Last year his subject was "Mark Twain".

This year, at the special request of the Auburn Conversation Club, he spoke on Dickens. Among other things he prophesied a Dickens revival.

Incidentally, Dr. Burton enjoyed a specially good game of baseball between Auburn and the University of Michigan. Of course he took sides with Auburn against Michigan, the ancient rival of Minnesota in Northwestern athletics.

MARRIAGES

During the short period in which publication of the Alumnus was suspended, several marriages of interest to the Alumni took place in Auburn. Doubtless many occurred elsewhere, of which we shall be glad to hear from time to time.

Sheldon L. Toomer '93 to Miss Florence Marguerite Prendergast of Montreal, Canada, on June 21, 1919 at the Church of Advent, Birmingham, Ala.

Homer W. Wright, '07 to Miss Catherine Lipscomb Dowdell of Auburn, on October 4, 1919.

Miss Mav Persis Harvey '05 became Mrs. Norman McLeod on December 30, 1919 and is now living in Brookhaven, Miss.

DEATHS

JAS. N. POYNER, '96

In correspondence with members of the Class of '96 the sad information is received of the death by influenza of Jas. N. Poyner at Charleston, West Virginia, on March 3, 1919. For ten years past he has been connected with the Baltimore office of the General Electric Company, being well known in engineering and business circles, and numbering some of Baltimore's most prominent men among his friends.

DESSIE WARD RICHARDSON, '08

Friends in Auburn were very much grieved when they learned of the passing away of Dessie Ward Richardson at her home in Atlanta on February 9, 1920 with influenza and pneumonia.

Dessie C. Ward graduated at Auburn in the class of 1908. In June 1909, she and T. B. Richardson of the class of 1906 were married at her home in Indiana. In her passing away, Auburn has lost a most loyal friend and supporter.

Classmates and friends will recall her sweet simplicity of manner and generosity of thought toward others. Her whole life is well portrayed in the following lines from Meigs' little poem, "Others":

"Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you,
Must needs be done for—*Others*.
And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won
While thinking still of—*Others*."

News Notes of the Faculty

Mr and Mrs. Robt. Stratton are rejoicing in the advent of Robert Cecil Stratton, who is now eleven weeks old. Mr. Stratton of course expects him to become famous in botany.

It will be interesting to the alumni to know of the list of Auburn men connected with the General Electric Company and controlled from the general office at Schnectady, N. Y. The list includes the following: W. A. Guess, '18, 514 Union Street; J. A. Fincken, '15, 820 Lenox Road; John Thomas, '19, 104 Jay Street; F. R. Deakin, '14, 111 Wendell Ave.; J. H. Scott, '17, 111 Wendell Ave.; W. E. Conger, '18, 104 Jay St., Box 821; B. T. Spain, 22 Bedford Road; C. K. Bryan, '17, 119 Park Ave.; T. T. Smith, 104 Jay St.; R. M. Faulkner, '11, 201 Elmer Ave.; R. E. Campbell, '16, 514 Union St.; A. Weaver, '15, 2 Spruce St.; J. T. Hudson, '18, Bldg. No. 12, Pittsfield, Mass.

R. F. Theil has just been selected as Associate Plant Pathologist of the Alabama Experiment Station. Mr. Thiel is a B. A. of the University of Minnesota 1916 and has a degree of M. A. from the University of Nebraska 1917.

After graduation he was made Assistant Pathologist in the office of Cereal Investigation with the bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, located at St. Paul.

His particular work was investigation of the black rust of wheat.

Mr. D. J. Burleson, Agronomist of the Extension Service was pleasantly surprised last week by the news that oil had been struck on the plantation adjoining his wife's place in Arkansas. He left immediately for the scene of action.

Dean Geo. Petrie has just returned from a tour of Southern Colleges, whither he was sent by the Board of Trustees to secure data on Administration methods at present employed therein.

Announcement has just been made of the resignation of G. L. Peltier, Plant Pathologist, who has been elected to the chair of Plant Pathology of the University of Nebraska, where he will teach advanced students desiring their major degrees along this line. Dr. Peltier will also act as Pathologist of the Experiment Station at Lincoln, Nebraska. He expects to take up his work about July 1.

We quote from the February issue of the Miami University Bulletin, a quarterly published at Oxford, Ohio:

"J. M. Robinson, '11 formerly in Extension service in Tennessee has entered upon work in the Department of Entomology in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala."

News from the Alumni

Rev. W. F. Glenn, '60, lives at 130 East Eighth St., Atlanta, and has completed his 54th year in the ministry. Although now on the retired list, he is still engaged in the various duties of his vocation. He is our oldest alumnus.

F. C. Dillard, '75, one of our oldest alumni, is located at Sherman, Texas, where he is a successful lawyer.

Rev. Samuel C. Riddle, '77 has recently removed from Farmersville to Lancaster, Texas.

J. E. D. Shipp, '79 is the author of a history of Georgia during and immediately after the Revolution entitled "Giant Days." He is anticipating publishing soon a book of sketches and addresses. He is a member of the law firm of Shipp and Sheppard, Americus, Ga.

Mark S. Andrews, '79 is secretary and treasurer of the Kelly Dry Dock and Ship Building Company at Mobile.

J. S. Dowdell, '79 is a merchant and cotton dealer at LaFayette, being the manager of the firm of R. M. Allen and Co.

Joseph Calloway, '81 has for several years been a member of the legal fraternity at Montgomery, specializing in criminal law.

Geo. A. Carden, '82 is a financier and lawyer at 25 Broad St., N. Y. His residence is at 20 East 80th St.

B. H. Boyd, '84 of Hartford is county superintendent of education for his county. He is also engaged in farming.

G. A. Allison, '86 has been made cashier of the City of Birmingham. He is living out at West End, 1217 Cotton Ave.

B. H. Crenshaw, '89 is head of the Department of Mathematics at Auburn, and much of his fame comes from this source; he really specializes, however, in Irish potatoes, in the raising of which he is "some expert."

Major-General Robt. E. Noble, '90 is living at the Lonsdale, 2138 California St., N. W., Washington, D. C. In response to an inquiry he advises the *Alumnus* Editor, "I am the same bespectacled individual as in the old days, but the rest of it doesn't go. The red hair has gone and gray has taken its place. It is possible that I may be in Auburn Commencement. If so, it will be an added pleasure to meet you again."

Lee Calloway, '90 is located on the Snowdown road just south of Montgomery, a most successful farmer and dairyman.

William Audley Marshall, '91 is Superintendent of the Massachusetts Cotton Mills at Lindale, Ga.

Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., '92, is Professor of English in the University of Texas at Austin.

E. C. Avery, '92, is now secretary and treasurer of the Collier Drug Co., wholesale druggists of Birmingham.

E. B. Mell, '93 is at Athens, Ga., where he is Principal of the High School.

A. L. Quaintance, '94 is in the Bureau of Entomology with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He is now living at 1337 Columbia Road.

Julius C. Dunham, '94 is secretary of the Gulf Machine Works at Pensacola, Fla.

O. Ellery Edwards, '94 is an attorney in New York City, specializing in the law of patents, trademarks, and copyrights. His office is at 233 Broadway.

Hugh Bickerstaff, '95 was forced to give up electrical engineering on account of his health. He lives at 2903 Beacon Ave., Columbus, Ga., and is engaged in the manufacture of bricks.

Hinds Peavey, '95 is in the Johnstown Trust Bldg., at Johnstown, Pa., where he has been engaged in the oil and gas business for the last two years. The oil production fields are in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and the gas production

fields in the McKeesport Field. He is still a bachelor.

A. B. Andrews, '96 is at Dayton, Tennessee, where he is General Manager of the Dayton Hosiery Mills. That should be a good business these days.

Julian B. Oglesby, '96 has left the Railroad mail service and is now a broker at 301 Austell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

William A. Tippin, '96 has moved from Pensacola to Thermal, Calif., where he is a rancher, living out on the desert among the coyotes and jackrabbits. He writes that a number of the old Auburn boys are located in his valley, including E. E. Downing, and the Lovelace boys, formerly of Brewton. He calls his place "Degletnoor ranch."

1897

Geo. L. Faucett is a successful physician at Gadsden. He is a graduate of the College of Physicians at Baltimore.

Jas. L. Pollard has moved from Abbeville and is now practicing law at Sheffield.

Warren H. McBryde is no longer superintendent of the Hercules Powder Co., in California. He is now secretary of the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co. in San Francisco.

Dr. Gaston J. Greil is a successful physician at Montgomery, specializing in the diseases of children. His most notable distinction however, is in being, President of the Montgomery Alumni Association, with the ambition of making it the liveliest local association in the state.

G. N. Mitcham is a district engineer of the State Highway Department at Montgomery. He anticipates moving his family from Auburn this fall.

Geo. M. Holley is Adjutant of the Southeastern Department of the U. S. Army, with title of Colonel. He is located at Charleston, S. C. His territory embraces the entire southeastern states.

Thomas G. Conner is at Andalusia, Alabama, where he is manager of the Andalusia Peanut Co.

Miller Reese Hutchinson has moved from West Orange, N. J. to New York, where he can be found at 233 Broadway.

Publication of the picture of Dr. J. H. Drake in our February issue caused universal pleasure. As an indication thereof we reproduce a letter from Jim Woodruff, 1900, who is manager of the Columbus Branch of the Atlantic Ice and Coal

Corporation: "I am just in receipt of the Auburn Alumnus for February and note your beaming countenance. That is certainly some record and you recollect that I gave you four years of trial. You remember how many thermometers I burnt out holding them too close to the fire, trying to get up a little temperature while you were off getting the water with a dose of salts."

1900

Geo. M. Illges is Merchant Engineer at Chicago, and can be found at 851 First National Bank Bldg.

John Paul Illges is located at Columbus. He is Secretary and Treasurer of Golden's Foundry and Machine Co., manufacturers of power transmission machinery.

C. L. Harold is the Secretary-Manager of the Birmingham Civic Association and doing most efficient work.

M. F. Kahn is a miller and ginner at Montgomery. He resides at 1050 So. Perry.

A. N. Culver has been made Secretary-Treasurer of the Davis Grocery Company, Montgomery. He is living at 1218 So. McDonough St.

J. M. Steiner has moved from Denver, Colorado, to New York, where he is living at 103 Park Ave. Dr. Steiner is a skilled pathologist.

Geo. M. Marks, Jr., is a Post Office clerk at Montgomery, having for a number of years experimented with wireless telegraphy.

1901

Paul S. Haley lives at Oakman, Alabama, where he is chief engineer of the Corona Coal Company. He is one of the trustees of the A. P. I., as well as of the Athens College for Young Women.

Kenneth Bradford is a physician in Staunton, Va., where he can be found in the Professional Building of that city. He writes that he "owes very, very much to the training of mind and body received at Auburn, and will always love the old school."

H. H. Conner is at Eufaula, Alabama, where he is president of the Southern Cotton Oil Co. In 1904 he married Francis Howard of Autaugaville, and has three girls and two boys in the family.

J. F. Jones is in St. Louis, Mo., where he is sales-manager for the Wagner Electric Co.

Jno. H. Skeggs is at San Francisco, California, where he is Assistant Division Manager of the California Highway Department, at 568 Flood Bldg. He served two years in the U. S. Army as Major of Engineers, one year in France as Roads Officer of the 2nd Army in the Toule Sector. He ranks as Lieut.-Colonel in the Reserve Corps.

Matthew S. Sloan has gone from New Orleans to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is President of the Brooklyn Edison Co., and can be found at 1360 Pearl St.

1902

J. E. D. Yonge is a successful lawyer at Pensacola, Fla.

F. R. Yarbrough can be found at No. 6 Terminal Station, Atlanta, where he is the chief law and special agent of the A. & W. P. Railway, the Western Railway of Alabama, the Georgia Railway and the Atlanta Joint Terminal. He resides at 45 Albermarle Ave.

Dallas D. Herndon is at Little Rock, Ark., where he is director of the State Department of Archives and History. When the Mississippi Valley Historical Association convenes this year at Green Castles, Ind., he will preside over the opening session.

1903

Wallace C. Pruitt is a practicing attorney at Chatom, Alabama.

E. R. Taber, Jr. is engineer for the Flaketown Graphite Company with headquarters at Goodwater, Ala.

Filo H. Turner is proprietor of the Buggy Works at Pensacola, Fla. He lives at 4 West Gadsden St.

1904

J. D. Hudson is at LaGrange, Ga., where he is engaged in the hardware business, also selling auto accessories and electrical supplies.

C. R. Hudson is at Raleigh, N. C., where he is State Farm Demonstration Agent of the North Carolina Extension Service.

Geo. Dunglinson, Jr. is Assistant to the General Manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. He is located at Bluefield, Va.

C. M. A. Rogers is owner of the Rogers Hardware Company at Eutaw, Alabama.

A. L. Thomas is instructor in mechanical engineering at Auburn. Most of his fame, however, rests upon his successful leadership of the Famous Auburn Band.

W. L. Alston is at Charleston, W. Va., where he is the local manager for the General Electrical Co.

W. M. Shepard is General Agent of the California-Oregon Produce Co., living at San Francisco.

A. D. Cameron after graduation spent several years in engineering work, particularly railroad construction. In 1909 he accepted a position with George M. Dorman & Co. Investment Bankers of Chicago, and is still with them. His advancement has been rapid and steady from his first position as Chief Engineer on Irrigating Work in Wyoming. In 1911 he was made Chief Engineer of the Company with headquarters in Chicago. In 1913 he was transferred to the Finance Department and in 1915 was made Manager of the Loan Department. He writes:

"I was married in 1913 to Nettie A. Henig of Chicago; have one son, John Elza six years of age and one daughter, Gene Carolyn, two and one-half years of age. I am located in the Lumber Exchange Building, 11 LaSalle St. and will of course be quite pleased to have any of my old friends call upon me anytime they happen to be in Chicago."

1905

Eric Alsobrook has moved from Five Points to Centerville, Alabama, where he is farm demonstration agent of Bibb county. He says that Thomas Heflin is going to be the next senator.

J. Haygood Paterson is one of the live-wire alumni at Montgomery where he is secretary of the local Auburn Alumni Association. "The Four Pats" are building up one of the most successful floral businesses in the South.

M. A. Harts after being engaged in construction work with the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing Company for several years, has for the past four years been associated with the R. U. V. Company, Inc., located at South Norwalk, Conn., as Superintendent of Erection. His work consists in the installation of water-systems both private and municipal. As the ultra-violet ray process for the sterilization of water is used by this Company, electricity plays quite a part in his work.

S. L. Gipson, who is connected with the Federal Board of Vocational Education in the Forsyth Building at Atlanta, writes that he is principally engaged in making a living for a Tennessee girl and her three children, all girls. He was particularly pleased with a certain football game played last Thanksgiving Day on the Georgia Campus.

K. L. Forrester is at Dothan, Alabama, where he is cashier of the Houston County National Bank.

Malcolm Bell is an electrical engineer at Savannah, Ga. He was married in 1910, and has three children. Auburn men can look him up at 20 Whitaker St.

1906

Thomas B. Richardson has been with the General Electric Company since 1911. He worked out from Cincinnati on Turbine construction until May, 1919, when he was transferred to the Atlanta office as District Turbine Inspector in charge of all turbine installation and repairs for this Company in the following states: South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In 1909 Mr. Richardson married Miss Dessie C. Ward of the Class of 1908 whose death occurred in February, 1920.

Adolph Weil is a successful cotton merchant at Montgomery, Ala.

Humphrey Foy is in the banking business at Eufaula, Alabama: his firm also handles fertilizers and farm products.

N. P. Renfro, Jr. is a clerk in the First National Bank of Opelika, Alabama.

J. A. Miller lives at San Angelo, Texas, being a live insurance agent. He has won membership in the Ten Thousand Dollar Club for several years, and is this year a member of the Quarter Million Club. "Gus" seems to be some insurance man.

Mell A. Frazer is an attorney at Mobile, where he is practicing under the firm name of Richarby and Frazer. From 1907 to 1912 he was Commandant of the University Military School at Mobile. In 1913 he took his degree of LL. B. at the University of Alabama, since which time he has been practicing law in Mobile.

C. A. M. Weber, B. S. 1906, M. S. 1907 and E. E. 1914. Entered the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., at Pittsburg, Pa. in 1907, taking the two year engineering apprentice course. In 1909 he entered the Electrical Heating Engineering Department. In 1910 he was made assistant to Engineer in Small Motor Engineering Department, later becoming Assistant Engineer, Engineer and then Section Engineer, which position he now holds. He is also Director in Department of Mathematics of the Westinghouse Company's Casino Technical Night School. He writes:

"I married Miss Pearl Argo of Short-

ers, Ala. in 1912 and Margaret is now five years old. I wish I could get as much value received out of all my "two dollars." The Alumnus is the one paper my wife and I read from cover to cover."

1907

M. A. Collins has done quite a bit of war service since graduation. He was on the Texas border as private mess Sergeant in the Mexican flurry; while in the World War he was in Training Camp as First Lieutenant, and later as Captain, O. D. U. S. A. He was discharged in September, 1920, after three years service.

S. A. Threadgill followed his profession of Civil Engineering for six years after graduation at Auburn. He then, with his brother, purchased a hardware business at Carbon Hill, Alabama, which has grown until it is now the largest hardware store in Walker county. His marriage occurred in 1915, and as soon as his boy, Billy, now three years old, adds on a few more years he expects to send him to Auburn.

Geo. J. Golden is Superintendent of the Golden Foundry and Machine Co., at Columbus, Ga.

E. W. Thornton has moved from Raleigh, N. C., to East Orange, N. J. His address is 212 William St.

Newton A. Burgess is a practicing attorney at Broadway, N. Y., being associated with the firm of Kenyon and Kenyon.

1908

David King Caldwell has gone from Longview to Tyler, Texas, where he is Highway Engineer for Smith County, supervising the construction of a system of roads costing \$1,750, 000.

J. A. Morgan, formerly Principal of the Talladega County High School, is now salesman, with headquarters at Heflin, Alabama.

Wallace B. Paterson is a member of the famous Rosemont Garden quartet, successful florists at Montgomery. His slogan is "Say it with flowers."

Paul C. Sorsby has moved from Birmingham to Atlanta, where he is still connected with the Engineering Department of the General Electric Company.

Walker Reynolds is the active manager of the Soil Pipe Foundry at Anniston, Ala.

1909

L. W. Shook is no longer in Birmingham, but has moved to Tarboro, N. C., where he is extensively engaged in farm-

ing. He is part owner and manager of an 850 acre farm, specializing in Duroc hogs and Angus cattle, with cotton and peanuts as principal market crops.

J. B. Hodge is at Hamilton, Ala., where he is cashier of the Marion County Bank.

J. Gray Hanlin is consulting engineer of the Shloss Sheffield Steel and Iron Company at Birmingham. His office is in the American Trust Building.

Holland E. Cox is Assistant Chief Engineer of the Birmingham Railway Light and Power Co. and can be found at 1624 No. 29th St. He is also the active Secretary of the Birmingham Auburn Alumni Association.

J. T. Pearson can be found in the Dime Bank Bldg., at Detroit, Mich., where he is a manufacturer's representative of electric material and specialties.

Thomas E. Beasley, 343 So. Dearborne St., Chicago, last summer resigned as salesman of the Electric Controller and Manufacturing Co. He is a member of the firm of Williams and Beasley Co., and is doing a satisfactory business.

L. Cantrell, formerly Farm Demonstration Agent at Palatka, Fla., has his headquarters now in Cordele, Ga., where he is the Development Agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Co. He is anticipating attending Commencement.

1910

Chas. R. Allen is a manufacturer at Charleston, S. C.

L. M. Dinsmore is with the State Highway Department at Montgomery, as chief draftsman.

Jas. F. Reeves is at Atlanta, Ga., as salesman for the Fisk Rubber Co., of New York. His territory is South Georgia.

J. N. Spearman has moved his headquarters from Cordova to Ensley, Ala. He is Superintendent of the water works for the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railway Co.

L. B. Ehrlich is at Springfield, Mass., where for the last year he has been in charge of design of starting and lighting equipment for the American Bosch Magneto Corporation.

1911

A. F. Harper is at Dolomite, Alabama as Division Engineer for the Woodward Iron Co.—coal miners. In 1918 he was with the 27th Engineers in the gas and flame service of the U. S. Army.

Mac. T. Roberson is at 123 Williams St., New York City, where he is the department manager of the Automatic Sprinkler Company, being in charge of the automatic chemical fire protection.

B. T. Sims is professor of veterinary medicine at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

P. M. Smith can be found at 18 South 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. He is Vice-President of the Perry Supply Company, having been connected with that company since 1913.

P. A. Stratford is farm demonstration agent at Moultrie, Ga. In May 1915 he married Miss Martha Pauhill of Hawkinsville, Ga. He expects to come over on Alumni day to hear General Bullard.

Hal S. Dumas, 25 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga., is the District Traffic Chief for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. He can't get far away from "Auburn" you see.

1912

E. W. Willard is at Worcester, Mass., as Assistant Electrical Engineer for the New England Company Power System. He has specialized generally in automatic high tension system operation (relay work, oil switch application, etc).

T. F. Drew was for two years after graduation with the Central of Georgia Power Company. In 1914, however, he accepted a position with the Carolina Power and Light Company of Raleigh, N. C., where he is now the new business manager. This Company, with its subsidiary companies, serves electrical power and light to about fifty towns in North and South Carolina.

A. S. Boyd is a veterinarian and farmer at Emelle, Alabama.



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| U. S. Bonds | 310,070.00 |
| Other Stocks and Bonds | 56,865.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 19,000.00 |
| Real Estate | 7,839.25 |

CASH

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| Demand Loans | \$ 489,855.76 |
| Due from Banks | 275,439.51 |
| U. S. Treasurer | 5,000.00 |
| Cash in Vault | 57,375.71 |
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| | \$2,040,149.96 |

LIABILITIES

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| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 250,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 99,610.99 |
| Circulating Notes | 100,000.00 |

DEPOSITS

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| Banks | 5,685.41 |
| Individual | \$1,484,853.56 |
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